(c) Yes Sir, the proposals received by the Government are examined as per the existing norms of the scheme.

(d) and (e) Construction of Working Women's Hostel is a continuing process. In the current financial year grant has been released for construction of (8) Working Women's Hostels in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh (one each) Nagaland (2) Manipur (3).

(f) The total budget allocation under the scheme for the year 2008-09 is Rs. 20.00 crore. State-wise allocations are not maintained as each proposal is considered on merits.

Supplementary nutrition under ICDS

2313. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eleventh Five Year Plan makes no clear recommendation about supplementary nutrition for children in the ICDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Eleventh Five Year Plan document Vol. II in Chapter 4 on Nutrition and Social Safety Net makes recommendations on addressing Malnutrition through a revamped Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. It specifically recommends for promotion of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, focus on children below 3 years of age and provision of hygienically prepared and culturally acceptable food to children in the age groups of 3 to 6 years of age and fortification of food based on scientific evidence.

Services for children

2314. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some organizations have demanded better services for their children especially below the age of six years in the context of the new Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh for the SC and ST children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

Sexual assault on women and girls

†2315. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the incidents of rape of women and girls in large number in different parts of the country;

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